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SUBJ: ONTARIO ELECTION

PREMIER DAVIS IN ANNOUNCING SEPTEMBER 18 ELECTION PROMISED
IN THE CAMPAIGN TO EMPHASIZE ECONOMIC STABILITY, LAW AND
ORDER AND THE PRESERVATION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND QUALITY
OF LIFE. HOWEVER, A PRINCIPAL THEME OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL
BE TO ASK THE VOTERS IN THE WORDS OF PREMIER DAVIS WHETHER
THEY WANT A CONTINUANCE OF CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT OR A GOVERNMENT
OF KISSING COUSINS AT QUEEN PARK. THIS APPLICATION OF THE
OLD ADAGE THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD OFFENSIVE IS HAVING
ITS DESIRED EFFECT. OPPOSITION LIBERAL LEADER ROBERT NIXON
HAS ALREADY BEEN FORCED INTO A DEFENSIVE POSITION AND
IS INSISTING THAT THE PROVINCIAL LIBERALS ARE INDEPENDENT OF
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE THIRD PARTY IN THE ELECTION THE
SOCIALIST NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS EXPECTED TO EMPHASIZE
BREAD AND BUTTER ISSUES WITH THEIR LEADER STEPHEN LEWIS
SAYING THEY WILL CONCENTRATE ON ENERGY, HOUSING, LAND AND
PEOPLE.

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REFLECTING POPULATION GROWTH 125 SEATS, AN INCREASE OF 8
OVER THE PRESENT NUMBER, WILL BE CONTESTED. PRIOR TO THE
DISSOLUTION, THE OUTGOING PARLIAMENT, ALLOWING FOR BI-
ELECTION CHANGES, WAS CONSTITUTED AS FOLLOWS: PC 74,
LIBERAL 23, NDP 20. IN THE JULY 1974 FEDERAL ELECTIONS
THE LIBERALS WON A CLEAR MAJORITY OF SEATS FROM ONTARIO.
THIS WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE PATTERN OF OTHER RECENT ELECTIONS
IN ONTARIO. THAT IS VOTING LIBERAL FEDERALLY AND TORY
PROVINCIALY.
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